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TAGS: SENV, UNEP

SUBJECT: UNEP ACTION ON MATERIEL REMNANTS OF WAR

1. SUBJECT ITEM CONSIDERED IN PLENARY WITH EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TOLBA COMMENTING ON PAUCITY OF RESPONSES TO
QUESTIONNAIRE AND CONSEQUENT DIFFICULTY IN ASSEMBLING REPORT
CONTAINED UN UNEP/GC/103. LIBYAN DELEGATION COMMENTED IT WAS
PREPARING GOVERNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONTAINING FOLLOWING
POINTS: REMNANTS AFFECT ENVIRONMENT, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
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NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, JOINT CLEARANCE OF
MINES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
BODY SHOULD BE CONVENED ON SUBJECT. CHINESE INTERVENTION
POINTED OUT THAT PURPOSE OF GA RESOLUTION 3435 WAS TO
GET COLONIALISTS TO CLEAN UP REMNANTS, CRITICIZING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT DID NOT CONTAIN ENOUGH INFORMATION.

2. FRG INTERVENED, CLAIMING AGREEMENT ON GERMAN EXTERNAL DEPARTMENT IN LONDON IN 153 PROHIBITED THEIR RAKING ANY ADDITIONAL ACTION. ITALY, UK, US, FRANCE ALL FOLLOWED SAME LINE, THAT SUBJECT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR UNEP AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BILATERALLY. POLAND AND USSR COMPLIMENTED THE REPORT AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ENTIRE EFFORT SHOULD ENCOMPASS POST-WORLDWAR II REMNANTS AS WELL. SOVIETS AND IRAQ ALSO SUPPORTED THE LIBYAN PROPOSAL TO HOLD AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING.

3. WHEN LIBYAN PROPOSED RESOLUTION EMERGED, UK AS WEO CHAIRMAN INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH BUREAU AND TOLBA, WHO WAS STRIVING TO ARRIVE AT COMPROMISE. FOLLOWING TEXT EMERGED FROM DISCUSSIONS, AND WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH RESERVATIONS FOR RECORD BY UK, FRG, ITALY, US, FRANCE, ON GROUNDS METIONED PARA 2.

4. LIBYAN DELEGATE ENDED DISCUSSION THIS AGENDA ITEM, SAYING HE WAS SATISFIED WITH DECISION AND WAS SIMPLY SEEKING COOPERATION.

5. TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY GOVERNING COUNCIL:

RECALLING PARAGRAPH 5 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3435 (XXX) OF 9 DECEMBER 1975 AND PARAGRAPH 5 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/111 OF 16 DECEMBER 1976,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS DECISION 80 (IV) OF 14 APRIL 1976, PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH 4,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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ON THE STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF THE MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WAR, PARTICULARLY MINES, AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT,

1. AFFIRMS THAT MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WARS CAN HAVE LASTING HARMFUL EFFECTS ON PEOPLE, ANIMAL POPULATION, VEGETATION, WATER, LAND AND THE ECONSTYSTEM AS A WHOLE:

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO TRANSMIT THE STUDY OF THE MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WAR, PARTICULARLY MINES, AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION;

3. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORTO CONTINUE HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING PARAGRAPH 4 OF DECISION 80 (IV), AND TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTH SESSION ON THE RESULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH

PARAGRAPH 5 OF DECISION 80 (IV), TO CONTINUE TO RENDER ASSISTANCE
IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO STATES, UPON REQUEST,
IN PRAPARING THEIR OWN PROGRAMMES FOR THE ELIMINATION OF MINES IN
THEIR TERRITORIES.

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